

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant submits this amendment in response to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2006. A petition for a three-month extension of the term for response to said Office Action, to and including October 11, 2006, is transmitted herewith.

Claims 5, 7-14, 28-30, 31-33 and 35 are still pending in this application. Claims 31-33 and 35 have been allowed. Claims 1-4, 6, 15-27 and 34 have now been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-4, 6 and 15-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Harris et al. (U.S. Patent 6,393,718). By the present amendment, applicant hereby cancels, without prejudice, claims 1-4, 6 and 15-26.

Claims 2-4, 27 and 34 were rejected as being unpatentable over Harris et al. (U.S. Patent 6,393,718) in view of Aida (U.S. Patent 5,220,931). By the present amendment, applicant hereby cancels, without prejudice, claims 2-4, 27 and 34.

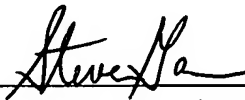
Claims 5, 7-14 and 28-30 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, applicant has amended claims 5, 7-14 and 28-30. These claims have been rewritten in independent

form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, applicant submits that these claims are now allowable. Claims 31-33 and 35 have been allowed.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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